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#### SACRAMENTO UPDATE

##### Medi-Cal Hospital Financing Waiver

Over the past week, the DSH Task Force, of which the County is a member, has been in intense technical discussions and negotiations with representatives of the Schwarzenegger Administration and key legislative staff regarding implementation of the Medi-Cal hospital financing waiver. These meetings were convened by the Governor's office with the purpose of crafting a bill to implement the waiver.

Among the items still under discussion are the mechanics of holding hospitals harmless, the allocation of opportunities for funding growth among public and private hospitals, the treatment of audit disallowances, the appeal rights of hospitals, and the role of the California Medical Assistance Commission (CMAC), the agency that negotiates Medi-Cal hospital rates.

In reaction to the Administration's concept proposal to implement the waiver funding via a CMAC process, the DSH Task Force has advanced a draft of legislative language that utilizes a formula driven approach which provides a maximum degree of stable and predictable Medi-Cal payments over the five year waiver period. Among the key features of the DSH Task Force approach are that each hospital would be assured their FY 2004-05 Medi-Cal reimbursement as baseline funding over five years, and growth would be allocated between public and private hospitals on a 60/40 basis, respectively.

It is unclear at this point whether the Administration will accept the DSH Task Force's approach which is summarized in Attachment I. Furthermore, with roughly one week remaining in the legislative session, it is not clear when the legislation will be introduced or the identity of the author.

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### Status of County-Interest Legislation

**County-supported and amended SB 658 (Kuehl)**, which would establish the Coastal Environmental Motor Vehicle Mitigation Program and authorize the State Coastal Conservancy (SCC) to collect a fee of up to \$6 upon the registration or renewal of every motor vehicle registered in one of the twenty counties that elects to participate in the program, with funds to be spent on projects and grants that prevent, reduce, remediate, or mitigate the adverse environmental effects of motor vehicles and their associated facilities and infrastructure, passed the Assembly Appropriations Committee with amendments on August 25, 2005 by a vote 13 to 4, and now proceeds to the Assembly Floor. The amendments would specify that the SCC shall consult with each participating county on proposed projects and clarify that the participating county and SCC shall each undertake a biennial audit of the projects and grants funded by the program in the participating county or for which that county is responsible.

**County-supported SB 1018 (Simitian)**, which would add officers and employees of financial institutions, including banks, credit unions, and savings and loans, to those designated as mandated reporters of financial abuse perpetrated against elderly and dependent adults, was signed by the Governor on August 29, 2005. A copy of the Governor's signature message on SB 1018 is Attachment II.

### Other Legislation of County Interest

**AB 1234 (Salinas)**, which would allow counties to compensate appointed members of commissions for attendance at meetings, conferences or training events, and require members of a Board-appointed commission, who receive any type of compensation for expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties, local elected officials, and designated County employees to receive at least two hours of training in general ethics principles every two years, passed the Senate on August 29, 2005 by a vote of 32 to 2, and now proceeds to the Assembly for concurrence with Senate amendments.

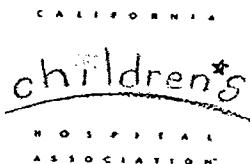
A roster containing the status of all bills of County interest is Attachment III.

We will continue to keep you advised.

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### Attachments

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF DSH TASK FORCE HOSPITAL FINANCING WAIVER IMPLEMENTATION LEGISLATION:

### *Creating a Structure for Predictability, Stability and Equity for California's Safety Net Hospitals*

Over the past year, the DSH Task Force, representing the state's public and private safety net hospitals, has worked to ensure that the Medi-Cal hospital financing Section 1115 waiver provides a stable, predictable and equitable model for hospital financing. The Task Force continues to have serious concerns about the fiscal and practical impacts of the waiver and the subsequent Terms & Conditions that govern its implementation. Fundamental problems with the waiver remain; however, implementation of the waiver is necessary because it is the only apparatus now available for safety net hospitals to be paid for the care they provide to Medi-Cal and uninsured patients. We believe this proposal, which serves as the state implementation legislation for the federal waiver, represents the best approach within the construct of the waiver to achieve stability and predictability in safety net hospital funding:

#### ***Maximizes Federal Funding within the New Structure***

This proposal directs the State to deliver the maximum amount of federal funding available under the waiver; creates a framework and method for public hospitals and clinics and the State to certify public expenditures; and creates financing structures under which public and private safety net hospitals can access and claim their respective funding.

#### ***Establishes Baseline Funding***

The legislation establishes the minimum statutory framework to provide baseline funding for hospitals, retroactively beginning July 1, 2005. Because the waiver involves an entirely new method of paying DSH and UC hospitals, the current statutory framework is inapplicable and must be fully revised to allow funds to flow to safety net hospitals. Consistent with the time period of the waiver, baseline funding is established for five years. A formula-driven mechanism is used that establishes minimum funding levels for qualifying hospitals, with the baseline year set at FY 2004-2005. After the first year of the waiver (FY 2005-2006), a volume adjustment is incorporated to account for increases or decreases in utilization.

#### ***Provides for Equitable Stabilization Funding***

This model establishes "stabilization funding," above baseline funding, in recognition of increasing health care costs, case acuity, and the financial fragility of safety net hospitals. The proposal maximizes predictability, promotes equity between public and private hospitals, and allows for "special circumstances" to be addressed.

- Due to the methodological and financial uncertainties created by the waiver and the Terms & Conditions, the legislation specifies a mechanism for distribution of stabilization funding only for the first two years of the waiver. The waiver itself front loads available funding and it is unlikely that stabilization funds will be available after the first two years.
- The stabilization plan allots up to \$23.5 million to CMAC for its discretionary allocation to “distressed hospitals.”
- The remaining stabilization funds will be allocated on a sector percentage basis, with 60% to public hospitals, 40% to private hospitals, and an as yet to-be- determined percent to district and other public hospitals.

***Uses a Formula-Driven Approach to Distribute Available Funding***

A formula-driven approach provides the predictability and stability hospitals need in order to continue to serve their patients and communities. The waiver is a completely new system for paying safety net hospitals. Major unknowns about the waiver remain, creating a high level of uncertainty. To be able to operate within this new system, the affected hospitals must have an assurance of minimum funding levels that is predictable and certain.

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# Press Release



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
08/29/2005

## Governor Schwarzenegger Signs Financial Elder Abuse Reporting Act of 2005 to Protect California's Seniors from Financial Abuse

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger today signed the Financial Elder Abuse Reporting Act, SB 1018 by Senator Joe Simitian (D-Palo Alto), to help protect California's elderly and dependent adults from financial abuse.

"I am committed to ensuring the safety and security of California's growing population of seniors. Our older Californians have worked hard all their lives and should enjoy the fruits of their labor," said Governor Schwarzenegger. "This legislation will both help protect our elderly citizens by keeping them out of the grasp of unscrupulous people, while also protecting our financial institutions from frivolous lawsuits. I applaud the collaborative effort of the financial institution industry, law enforcement, senior groups, county welfare directors and legislators in crafting a workable and results-driven law to provide greater protection for California's seniors."

The Elder Abuse Reporting Act will assist in reducing the number of financial abuse incidents against elder and dependent adults by requiring employees of banks, savings associations and credit unions to be mandated reporters of suspected financial abuse. The Act requires reporting to be done immediately to either the local adult protective services department or law enforcement agency and applies up to a \$5,000 civil penalty for failure to report. It also extends immunity from civil liability for making such reports to employees of financial institutions.

In addition to signing this legislation, Governor Schwarzenegger has taken steps to protect California's seniors by:

- Establishing a task force through Executive Order S-17-04, headed up by the Office of Emergency Services, to work with other law enforcement and governmental agencies to review existing programs intended to detect, investigate, prosecute and prevent elder and dependent adult abuse. The Office is required to make recommendations focused on enhancing coordination among the various law enforcement and governmental agencies in the areas of information-sharing, training, and crime prevention, and identify any available private or federal funding sources to help carry out these recommendations by December 31, 2006.
- Strengthening penalties for misrepresentation of insurance policies that induce a person to take actions that are not in his or her best interest through signing SB 1273 (Chapter 730, Statutes of 2004). This bill addresses the financial crime in insurance called "twisting and churning," which often targets senior citizens.
- Increasing criminal penalties for elder and dependent adult abuse through enacting AB 2611 (Chapter 886, Statutes of 2004).

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**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES - CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE**  
**STATUS OF BILLS OF INTEREST TO THE COUNTY**  
**2005-06 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

These are bills we have pursued in Sacramento pursuant to Board actions or as reported in bill policy memoranda.

<u>BILL</u>	<u>AUTHOR</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
AB 13	Goldberg	Support (State Update: 4/21/05)	Would establish the California Racial Mascots Act which would prohibit public schools from using the term 'Redskins' as a school or athletic team name, mascot, or nickname beginning January 1, 2007. Schools with enrollment boundaries that include a portion of Indian reservations would be exempted provided that the tribe having regulatory jurisdiction over the territory has authorized the use of the team name, mascot or nickname through an appropriate enactment or resolution.	Senate Inactive File
AB 22	Lieber, Liu	Support (Board Action: 6/7/05)	Would define and provide strong deterrents to the crime of human trafficking, which involves the recruitment, transportation, or sale of persons for forced labor.	Senate Appropriations
AB 109	Chan	Support if Amended to require stronger fiscal oversight by the State without affecting local control (Board Action: 3/1/05)	Would require county First 5 commissions to: 1) adopt policies regarding conflict of interest and contracting and procurement procedures; 2) adopt a limit on the amount of its operating budget that can be spent on administrative functions; 3) adopt policies and processes establishing the salaries and benefits of employees of the county commission; and 4) send its annual audit and report to the State First 5 Commission. This bill is double-joined to SB 35 (Florez), a related measure.	Senate Floor
AB 126	Dymally	Oppose (State Update: 1/25/05)	Would require counties to ensure that the availability of services and quality of treatment received by indigent patients is equivalent to the care received by non-indigent patients in private facilities. Would also change the Beilenson process to require counties to make a finding that closing, eliminating, or reducing indigent health care services will not have a detrimental impact on the health care needs of indigent people in the county.	Assembly Health
AB 158	Bermudez	Support (Board Action: 5/24/05)	Would require the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to convene a special task force to study certain railroad safety issues, including vandalism, transporting hazardous waste, and identifying threats from terrorism, deficiencies in current land use planning and deficiencies for responding to railroad emergencies. It would also require the CPUC to recommend safety measures and include the findings and recommendations in its annual report to the Legislature on sites on railroad lines that are found to be hazardous.	Assembly Utilities and Commerce

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AB 208	Gordon, Parra	Support (Board Action: 2/15/05)	Would authorize school districts that have elected to become a school district of choice prior to April 1, 2005, to give priority for transfers to the children of military personnel, and establish specific time lines within which such a transfer may be requested by the parent or guardian, and must be resolved by the school district.	Governor's Desk
AB 262	Berg	Support in Concept (State Update: 4/29/05)	Would prohibit the Judicial Council from requiring that a court facility proposed to be transferred from a county to the State, be held to a stricter standard than those standards adopted by the county for county buildings.	Assembly Appropriations Suspense File
AB 327	De La Torre	Support (State Update: 7/27/05)	Would establish a new voluntary \$50 fee for the issuance or renewal of a physician and surgeon's license certificate to fund the Steven M. Thompson Physician Corps Loan Repayment Program which provides financial incentives to a physician to practice in a medically underserved community for a minimum of three years.	Senate Floor
AB 338	Levine	Support (State Update: 3/30/05)	Would require the State Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to use increasing amounts of crumb rubber from waste tires in State highway, construction, and repair projects. Specifically, this bill requires the State to use not less than 20 percent crumb rubber, by ton, of the total amount of asphalt paving materials used on and after January 1, 2007, and increases this amount to 25 percent by 2010, capping the crumb rubber mix in asphalt to not less than 35 percent by 2013. Only crumb rubber manufactured in the United States that is derived from waste tires taken from vehicles owned and operated in the U.S. may be used for compliance.	Senate Appropriations Suspense File
AB 378	Chu	Support (State Update: 7/7/05)	Would extend the statute of limitation from one year to three years for the commencement of any action seeking penalties for an alleged violation of California's hate crimes statute, thereby aligning the administrative and civil statute of limitations for victims of hate crimes seeking civil remedies.	Chapter 123 of 2005
AB 379	Evans	Support (State Update: 6/21/05)	Would allow satisfactory progress in a secondary school to count toward the 20 hours of core welfare-to-work activities required by CalWORKs participants to the extent the hours spent in secondary education cannot be accomplished within the remaining hours of required activities. It would also allow participation in vocational education, or other activities that would not preclude recipients from being able to count the following activities toward their 20-hour core requirement: 1) mental health, substance abuse, or domestic violence services; 2) adult education; 3) job skills training; 4) education directly related to employment; and 5) satisfactory progress in a secondary school.	Senate Appropriations

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AB 547	Berg, Richman	Support (State Update: 4/4/05)	Would repeal the requirement that a city or county authorize its needle exchange program through a declaration of a local emergency, and authorize clean needle exchange programs upon the action of a county board of supervisors and the local health officer or health commission, or upon the action of a city council, the mayor and the local health officer.	Senate Floor
AB 613	Mountjoy	Support (State Update: 3/23/05)	Would establish a higher burden of proof for the determination of "job relatedness" in workers' compensation cases. Under current law, an injury is deemed compensable (job related) if the job contributes in any manner or degree as the cause of the injury. AB 613 would provide that for an injury to be deemed compensable there must be a preponderance of evidence that employment activities were the predominant causes of the injury.	Assembly Insurance
AB 624	Montanez	Support (State Update: 8/25/05)	Would require the California Department of Health Services (CDHS) and the Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board to deem any child who meets the income requirements for the Child Health and Disability Program (CHDP) to have met the income requirements for the Healthy Families and Medi-Cal programs. It also would require CDHS to modify the electronic CHDP gateway application process to allow simultaneous application for all three programs. AB 624 includes a \$2 million appropriation from the State General Fund to implement this proposal as a pilot program for children under two years of age.	Senate Appropriations Suspense File
AB 642	Negrete- McLeod	Oppose Unless Amended to limit liability to those instances where injury or death is a result of an action by the employer (State Update: 3/23/05)	Would create a job-related presumption for workers' compensation for an injury or death as a result of a vaccination or medication given to prevent infection from a biochemical substance. Under the bill, the employer would be liable even if the vaccination is procured solely by the employee without direction of the employer.	Assembly Appropriations Suspense File
AB 667	Jones	No Position	NOW: Was amended to require the Legislative Analyst's Office to contract with an appropriate and qualified entity to conduct an evaluation of the child support program, convene an advisory group to provide oversight of the process, and report the findings and recommendations of the evaluation to the Legislature on or before January 1, 2007.	Senate Appropriations
			PREVIOUSLY: Would have changed the performance standards relating to, and State oversight of, local child support agencies and required the State to either seek the removal of the local administrator or assess a financial penalty for failure to achieve performance standards.	

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AB 696	Chu	Support (State Update: 8/17/05)	NOW: The bill was recently amended to retain the SFIS photographing requirement and eliminates SFIS for Food Stamp only cases.	Assembly (Concurrence in Senate amendments)
		Support and Amend to retain the SFIS photograph requirement for CalWORKs cases and General Relief cases with Food Stamps (State Update: 6/23/05)	PREVIOUSLY: Still does the same but was amended to maintain the Statewide Fingerprint Imaging System (SFIS) for CalWORKs cases and Food Stamp cases with General Assistance, eliminate SFIS for Food Stamp only cases, and eliminate the current SFIS requirement of taking photographs of CalWORKs and Food Stamp applicants as a condition of receiving benefits.	
		Support if Amended to retain fingerprint imaging for CalWORKs cases and Food Stamp cases with General Assistance (State Update: 3/28/05)	INITIALLY: Would have: 1) replaced the quarterly reporting in CalWORKs and Food Stamps with semi-annual reporting; 2) provided categorical eligibility to Food Stamp benefits for certain Medi-Cal participants; 3) simplified Food Stamp verification requirements; 4) required the State to seek a Federal waiver to exempt certain Able-bodied Adults Without Dependents from the 3 month limit to Food Stamp benefits, at the option of the County; and 5) eliminated the requirement to maintain a statewide fingerprint imaging system for use in connection with eligibility for CalWORKs, Food Stamps and General Assistance.	Failed passage in Senate Health; Reconsideration granted
AB 717	Gordon, Horton	Support and Amend to specify that the Centinela Airport Clinic must comply with the policies and procedures of the local EMS Agency to receive basic life support patients as part of the 911 EMS system, and to increase reimbursement rates for physicians and ambulance service providers (Board Action: 5/10/05)	Would allow the freestanding Centinela Airport Clinic, on a pilot basis, to be considered the equivalent of an emergency department of a general acute care hospital despite not being located on the premises of a general acute care hospital, and would require the Centinela Airport Clinic to: 1) comply with the requirements of a general acute care hospital emergency department; 2) be open 24-hours per day, 365 days per year; 3) maintain laboratory services and provide necessary radiological services; 4) assure physician, surgeon, and nurse staffing applicable to hospital emergency departments; 5) be capable of transferring patients to higher levels of care; and 6) provide data to the EMS agency. The Centinela Airport Clinic is currently being reimbursed at the level of an urgent care center, and AB 717 would allow for a higher reimbursement at emergency department rates.	

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AB 761	Jones	Oppose (State Update: 5/24/05)	Would require the California Department of Health Services to consider any staffing guidelines developed by relevant professional associations, worker injury rates, and patient injury rates, in determining if staffing is adequate in general acute care hospitals, acute psychiatric hospitals, and special hospitals. These provisions would not apply to the staffing of licensed nurses. The guidelines used to determine staffing must be subject to peer review and based on scientific and medical evidence.	Senate Appropriations Suspense File
AB 779	De La Torre	Support (State Update: 6/10/05)	Would require the California Department of Health Services to work with counties, providers and advocates to implement an automated procedure to give Medi-Cal providers access to the due dates of the annual Medi-Cal redetermination and semi-annual status report, which patients must submit to maintain Medi-Cal eligibility. Under this bill, Medi-Cal providers would have the option of notifying Medi-Cal beneficiaries of approaching due dates for these required reports using information from the automated system. The State would be required to implement the automated notification system on or before June 30, 2006, if funds are appropriated for this purpose.	Senate Appropriations Suspense File
AB 783	Jones	Support (State Update: 4/1/05)	Would require the State to pay for expenses incurred by local governments in the preparation and conduct of elections proclaimed by the Governor to fill a vacancy in the office of Senator or Member of the Assembly, or to fill a vacancy in the office of United States Senator or Representative in Congress. It also provides that where an election is consolidated with a local election, the State would only pay for those additional expenses directly related to the election proclaimed by the Governor.	Senate Appropriations Suspense File
AB 856	Bass	Support (Board Action: 4/19/05)	Would add the Director of the Department of Conservation, or his or her designee, as a non-voting member of the Baldwin Hills Conservancy (BHC) board, make changes pursuant to the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act, and repeal the requirement that the BHC obtain and maintain liability insurance.	Governor's Desk
AB 862	Bass	Support (State Update: 5/12/05)	Would direct the Department of Corrections to provide information on how to modify child support orders to every inmate who is a parent of a minor. The information would include: 1) a Child Support Handbook; 2) a pamphlet entitled Child Support Information for the Parent in Jail or Prison; 3) information and forms on Compromise of Assigned Arrearages; and 4) information on services provided by family law facilitators.	Senate Floor

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AB 889	Ruskin	Support (State Update: 5/2/05)	Would continue the authority of counties to collect registration fees for commercial weighing and measuring devices (scales and meters used to calculate the price of goods sold) by repealing the sunset date of January 1, 2006, and would aim to standardize the way county point-of-sale (scanner) inspection programs operate.	Senate Floor
AB 921	Daucher	Oppose (State Update: 3/24/05)	Would: 1) allow the term of redevelopment projects to be extended for an additional 25 years without making a new finding of blight; 2) allow a redevelopment agency, during a 25-year extension, to use up to 40 percent of the property tax allocated for infrastructure improvements related to the production of market-priced or affordable housing while using a minimum of 60 percent of the funds to increase, improve, or preserve market-priced and affordable housing; and 3) limit the amount of property tax shifted to redevelopment agency receipts during a 25-year extension to 50 percent of the amount that would otherwise be allocated under current law.	Assembly Housing and Community Development
AB 1090	Matthews	Support (Board Action: 3/29/05)	Would define conversion technologies and promote their development by incorporating conversion technologies within the State's waste management hierarchy in proper context to its environmental benefits and impacts, and provide diversion credit to jurisdictions that utilize such facilities.	Assembly Natural Resources
AB 1167	Chu	Oppose (State Update: 4/29/05)	Would allow the City of El Monte and the El Monte Community Redevelopment Agency to amend the Downtown El Monte Redevelopment Project and: 1) eliminate the time limit on the establishment of indebtedness; 2) increase from \$44.4 million to \$65 million the amount of bonded indebtedness that the agency may have outstanding at any one time; 3) extend the time limit on the effectiveness of the plan for up to an additional 10 years; 4) substitute required pass-through payments to taxing agencies (including the County) with "certain tax increment amounts"; and 5) commit 30 percent of all taxes allocated pursuant to transit oriented projects to low and moderate income housing.	Assembly Housing and Community Development
AB 1248	Urnberg	Oppose (State Update: 4/7/05)	Would prohibit a county from imposing a booking fee on local agencies, colleges, and universities for county costs incurred in processing or booking persons arrested by those entities for a felony offense, by permitting the charging of a fee only for crimes which are not felonies. The measure also expressly prohibits the imposition of booking fees for misdemeanor offenses relating to driving under the influence, domestic violence, battery, and specified sex-related offenses.	Assembly Local Government
AB 1252	Pavley	Support (Board Action: 4/26/05)	Would authorize the County to designate Mulholland Highway as an official County Scenic Highway.	Governor's Desk

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AB 1269	Pavley	Support and Amend to specify a local appropriation based on population and location and include beach facilities and improvements in the eligible uses for grant assistance (State Update: 6/10/05)	Would enact the Clean Air, Clean Water, Coastal Protection, and Parks Act of 2007, which, if adopted by the voters, would authorize an unspecified amount in State General Obligation Bonds for resource protection, acquisition, restoration and development. The bill has four major funding categories (Clean Air, Clean Water, Coastal Protection, Parks and Wildlife Protection), all of which the County would be eligible to compete for funding. The bill currently does not specify an amount of bond funding or identify a future statewide ballot for the proposal to be submitted to the voters. The bill provides that up to 10 percent of the program funds would be made available to finance monitoring, research, or planning necessary for successful project implementation.	Assembly Appropriations
AB 1285	Montanez	County-sponsored	Would expand eligibility for participation in the Investing in Early Educators stipend program to include persons working in licensed family child care homes and child care centers that do not hold California Department of Education contracts. Urgency measure.	Senate Appropriations Senate Suspense File
AB 1330	Karnette	Oppose (State Update: 3/24/05)	Would: 1) establish the Harbor District Development Authority in the City of Los Angeles, and authorize the Los Angeles City Council, by resolution, to designate the Los Angeles Board of Harbor Commissioners as the redevelopment agency for the Los Angeles Harbor District (LAHD); 2) create a new definition of blight that fits the circumstances of the LAHD; 3) exempt the LAHD from certain environmental impact report requirements; 4) shorten plan adoption reporting requirements; and 5) eliminate the prohibition on redevelopment agency use of property tax increment for operations and maintenance expenses (current law restricts the use of agency funds to capital expenses).	Assembly Local Government
AB 1331	Umberg	Oppose (State Update: 3/23/05)	Would exempt most safety member employees from last year's workers' compensation reforms established by SB 899 of 2004 relating to apportionment of permanent disability and to certain presumptions.	Assembly Appropriations Senate Suspense File

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AB 1333	Frommer	Support (State Update: 6/3/05)	Would: 1) make it a crime for a grease hauler to discard grease materials at any place other than an authorized facility; 2) prohibit a grease hauler from reinserting grease materials into any facility from which the hauler has just removed the material; 3) subject violators to a misdemeanor, punishable by six months in jail or a maximum \$10,000 fine, or both, and allows the court to bar repeat violators from engaging in the grease hauling business for up to five years; and 4) earmark 50 percent of penalty revenue to the Environmental and Training Account, 25 percent to the customary penalty distribution process, and 25 percent to the local health officer or other local official who investigated the matter bringing the action.	Senate Floor
AB 1368	Umbreg	Oppose (State Update: 6/29/05)	Would exempt public safety employees from certain elements of the workers' compensation reform enacted last year by SB 899 of 2004 relating to apportionment of permanent disability and to certain presumptions.	Senate Labor and Industrial Relations
AB 1380	Gordon	Support (Board Action: 4/12/05)	Would require: 1) the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to request the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to delegate authority to the CPUC to implement inventory management guidelines to ensure carrier compliance with 6-month inventory rules and timing for donations and returns to the telecommunications numbering pool; 2) the CPUC to develop rules that ensure compliance with FCC numbering resource optimization orders; and 3) these rules to be implemented immediately upon the delegation of authority by the FCC, and specify that other requirements would be placed upon telephone corporations regarding the inventory of numbering resources applicable if the CPUC fails to develop and implement rules by July 31, 2006.	Assembly (Concurrence in Senate amendments)
AB 1459	Canciamilla	Support (State Update: 8/25/05)	Would increase the small claims court jurisdiction over actions brought by an individual, if the amount does not exceed \$7,500, with specified exceptions and provides that small claims court advisory services must cover specific topics relating to small claims court rules, filings, procedures related to conduct of the hearing, and information on the collection of small claims court judgments. In addition, on and after July 1, 2006, this bill would require temporary judges to complete ethics and substantive law courses covering State, Federal, and local laws.	Senate Appropriations Senate Suspense File
AB 1491	Calderon	Oppose (Board Action: 3/8/05)	Would reduce the Housing Authority's responsibility for the allocation of Industry Housing Fund Program funds by authorizing the City of Industry to transfer up to 50 percent of the low-and moderate-income housing funds currently administered by the Housing Authority to another eligible public entity located outside the City.	Assembly Housing and Community Development

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AB 1511	Evans	Support (State Update: 7/7/05)	NOW: Still does the same thing but was amended to: 1) include Los Angeles County as an entity eligible to use the design-build contract method; 2) double-join AB 1511 to SB 287 (Cox); and 3) make other changes related to design build.	Senate Appropriations
		Support if Amended to include Los Angeles County (Board Action: 7/5/05)	PREVIOUSLY: Would have extended the sunset date in the design-build statute from January 1, 2006 to January 1, 2011, add 19 counties to the list of counties eligible to use the design-build contracting method, and make other changes related to the use of the design-build contract method.	Senate Appropriations Senate Suspense File
AB 1565	Pavley	Support (State Update: 6/7/05)	Would require the California Department of Education to conduct a pilot program, in three to seven counties, to develop and evaluate a statewide quality rating system for licensed child care providers to encourage child care providers to provide a higher standard and quality of care than is currently required under the California Child Day Care Act.	Assembly Inactive File
AB 1605	Wolk, Berg	Support (State Update: 4/14/05)	Would add officers and employees of financial institutions, including banks, credit unions, and savings and loans, to those designated as mandated reporters of financial abuse perpetrated against elder and dependent adults.	Senate Banking, Finance and Insurance
AB 1664	De Le Torre	Support (State Update: 7/12/05)	NOW: Was amended to establish the New Californians Act to assist eligible immigrants through the naturalization process and require the California Department of Community Services and Development to: 1) develop a comprehensive, coordinated, accessible and accountable naturalization and civic participation program; 2) create a method for allocating funds for services; and 3) establish an advisory committee to monitor the effectiveness of the New Californians Act.	Senate Banking, Finance and Insurance
Gordon		Oppose (State Update: 6/1/05)	PREVIOUSLY: Would have permitted voluntary disclosure of elder or dependent adult financial abuse by financial institutions, and required certain financial institutions to provide training to their employees regarding such abuse. It would also have granted broad civil and criminal immunity to financial institutions and their officers, employees, and agents related to any financial abuse that is disclosed.	
AB 1769	Negrete-McLeod	County-sponsored	Would provide an exemption for the Los Angeles County Fire Chief from the mandatory retirement provisions under the County Employees Retirement Law of 1937, only if the person was employed as fire chief prior to May 1, 2005 and the person retires before April 1, 2009. The bill extends this exemption only through April 1, 2009. Urgency measure.	Governor's Desk

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ACA 17	Mullin	Support (State Update: 4/29/05)	Would amend the California Constitution to authorize 17-year old citizens, who will be at least 18 years old by the next general election, to register and vote at that general election and at any intervening primary or special elections that occur after the person is eligible to register to vote.	Assembly Appropriations Suspense File
AJR 22	Bass	County-sponsored	Would urge Congress and the President to take immediate action to eliminate restrictions on child death review teams to access school records of deceased children.	Senate Floor
SB 34	Florez	No Position	NOW: Was amended to address the probation requirements of sex offenders and make other changes related to sex offender registration.	Senate Desk
		Oppose (Board Action: 3/1/05)	PREVIOUSLY: Would have required that the majority of the membership of the county First 5 commissions consist of persons who do not represent a county.	
SB 35	Florez	Support if Amended to require stronger fiscal oversight by the State without affecting local control (Board Action: 3/1/05)	Would require: 1) county First 5 commissions to send its annual audit and report to the State First 5 Commission; 2) the State Commission report to include a listing, by category, of the aggregate expenditures on program areas funded by the State and county commissions; and 3) the Controller to issue guidelines for expanded annual audits of each county commission. The State Commission is allowed to withhold the county commission's share of tobacco tax revenues for failure to submit the data. This measure is double-joined to AB 109 (Chan), a related bill.	Assembly Appropriations
SB 57	Alarcon	Support (State Update: 4/18/05)	Would augment the Emergency Medical Services Fund by allowing counties to collect an additional \$2 penalty assessment on every \$10 penalty for all criminal offenses and moving violations and would allow county boards of supervisors, by resolution, to levy an additional \$2 penalty assessment for specified crimes and moving violations, including speeding, seat belt infractions, domestic violence and DUI's. Counties with pediatric trauma care units would be authorized to use these new funds to establish a Pediatric Trauma Fund to purchase pediatric facilities and equipment.	Assembly Floor

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SB 112	Ortiz	No Position	NOW: Was recently amended to maintain the State's current formula which allocates RESS funds based on the number of aided refugees who live in each county, but modifies the formula to give more weight to those counties with more aided refugees in the U.S. less than 2 years.	Assembly Appropriations
		Oppose (State Update: 4/8/05)	PREVIOUSLY: Would have changed the formula used to calculate each county's share of total State Refugee Employment Social Services (RESS) and Refugee Targeted Assistance Program (RTAP) funds. The bill would have required 50 percent of the RESS funds to be allocated on the proportion of refugees receiving public assistance, and the remaining 50 percent based on the most recent 60-month refugee arrival data. Would also have allocated RTAP funds based on the arrival data during the most recent 60-month period using Federal methodology. These changes would have resulted in the County receiving \$700,000 less funds for the Refugee Employment Program.	Assembly Floor
SB 116	Dutton	Support (Board Action: 2/1/05) and County-sponsored	Would eliminate the Safe Surrender Law sunset provision in order to provide for the safe surrender of infants as an alternative to abandonment permanently.	Assembly Floor
SB 148	Scott	Support (Board Action: 5/24/05)	Would authorize any county or city to apply new zoning regulations to pre-existing businesses which sell alcoholic beverages for off-site consumption, such as liquor stores, allow affected businesses up to six months to comply, and authorize local agencies to allow longer time periods.	Assembly Governmental Organization
SB 153	Chesbro	Support and Amend to include beaches in the definition of parks (State Update: 4/12/05)	Would enact the California Clean Water, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Act of 2006, which, if adopted by the voters, would authorize the issuance of \$3.595 billion in State General Obligation bonds for resource restoration, preservation, acquisition, and development.	Assembly Appropriations
SB 258	Chesbro	Support (Board Action: 5/10/05)	Would require the California Department of Mental Health to establish a working group to develop recommendations on improving the quality of care in residential care facilities serving adults with mental illness.	Assembly Appropriations Suspense File
SB 266	Romero	Support (State Update: 6/14/05)	Would require the Emergency Medical Services Authority (EMSA) to establish a trauma care advisory committee to develop a statewide trauma care plan for presentation to the EMSA and the Legislature by January 1, 2007, to address all aspects of a trauma care system, including a seamless statewide transportation system, and all possible funding sources.	Assembly Appropriations Suspense File

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SB 267	Romero	Support (State Update: 4/18/05)	Would restructure the Trauma Care Fund to require regional distribution of funds based on the statewide proportion of trauma care services provided in a region, repeal the requirement that trauma centers receive a minimum level of funding, and require the grants to be awarded on a competitive basis.	Assembly Appropriations
SB 287	Cox	Support (State Update: 7/7/05)  Support if Amended to include Los Angeles County (Board Action: 7/5/05)	NOW: Still does the same thing but was amended to: 1) include Los Angeles County as an entity eligible to use the design-build contract method; 2) double-join SB 287 to AB 1511 (Evans); and 3) make other changes related to design build  PREVIOUSLY: Would have extended the sunset date in the design-build statute from January 1, 2006 to January 1, 2011, add 20 counties to the list of counties eligible to use the design-build contracting method, and make other changes related to the use of the design-build contract method.	Assembly Floor
SB 308	Simitian	Support (State Update: 6/28/05)	Would allow counties the option, upon adoption of a resolution by a county board of supervisors, to increase recording fees on real estate documents up to \$2 to fund programs to deter, investigate, and prosecute civil proceedings involving the financial abuse of elder and dependent adults through fraudulent real estate transactions.	Assembly Aging and Long-Term Care
SB 324	McClintock	Support (State Update: 3/15/05)	Would define a transportation gridlock emergency as a condition that requires extraordinary State action, and authorizes the Governor to declare a state of emergency when any highway has an average daily vehicle delay that exceeds 3,000 vehicle hours per day.	Senate Transportation and Housing
SB 395	Escutia	Support if Amended to define 'court purposes' to include all county-court-related functions that are necessary for the efficient operation of the Superior Court (State Update: 4/29/05)	Would enact the California Court Facilities Bond Act of 2006 to fund the acquisition, construction, and renovation of trial court facilities, and place the bond act, for an as yet unspecified amount, on the ballot for the next Statewide election. This bill would provide funding needed because of the depletion of the Courthouse Construction Fund to build new court facilities or renovate existing court facilities that have been transferred to the State and allows the Judicial Council to require counties to pay for their share of bond principal, interest, and expenses for new construction or renovation.	Assembly Appropriations
SB 399	Escutia	Support (State Update: 5/24/05)	Would allow a county to assert a lien against a recovery that injured Medicaid eligible patients receive from a third party. It would allow a lien for past medical expenses against a settlement or compromise, in addition to a judgment and establish a new court procedure for resolving disputes that may arise between the provider and the patient relating to the amount that would be reimbursed to the provider.	Assembly Floor

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SB 466	Kuehl	Support (State Update: 4/14/05)	NOW: Still does the same thing but was amended to include school zones as requested by the County.	Senate Transportation and Housing
		Support and Amend to include school zones (State Update: 3/8/05)	PREVIOUSLY: Would have allowed a local agency to use a mobile photo radar system to enforce speed limits on streets within residential districts, subject to certain requirements.	Senate Appropriations Suspense File
SB 516	Ortiz	Support (State Update: 4/5/05)	Would require residential care facilities for the elderly with six or fewer clients or residents, licensed as of January 1, 2007, to have an automatic fire sprinkler system by January 1, 2011. Facilities licensed on or after January 1, 2007 would be required to have an automatic fire sprinkler system on the date of licensure.	
SB 521	Torlakson	Oppose (State Update: 3/24/05)	Would change redevelopment law relating to transit villages by: 1) allowing local governments to extend the boundaries of a transit village development plan; 2) amending current redevelopment law to include the lack of high density development within a transit village development district as an economic condition that causes blight; and 3) requiring the agency to submit the proposed transit village redevelopment plan to the California Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank which would make a finding on whether the proposed project is consistent with the requirements of redevelopment law.	Assembly Housing and Community Development
SB 539	Ashburn	Oppose (State Update: 6/23/05)	Would delay the start of payment for child care services to license-exempt providers until the provider is registered through the California Department of Social Services' Trustline program.	Failed passage in Assembly Human Services; granted reconsideration
SB 578	Escutia	Support (Board Action: 5/24/05)	Would require a railroad corporation to promptly notify the Office of Emergency Services, the California Highway Patrol, and designated county public safety agencies in an endangered area, of certain information relative to hazardous materials, and in certain events, of train and track locations, whether or not an accident or spill occurs. It also requires the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to investigate any incident that results in a notification pursuant to this requirement, and to include this information in its annual report to the Legislature.	Assembly Floor
SB 640	Escutia	Support (State Update: 5/10/05)	Would appropriate \$5 million in one-time only Federal quality carryover child development funds to continue local programs of training and technical assistance to child care providers to increase their capacity to care for children with disabilities, and specifies the eligible uses of the funds received by child care resource and referral agencies.	Assembly Appropriations Suspense File

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SB 656	Romero	County-sponsored	Would allow a county board of supervisors to place on the ballot a local tax of up to 5 percent on the sale of alcoholic beverages.	Senate Revenue and Taxation Suspense File
SB 658	Kuehl	Support and Amend to clarify the proposed allocation of funds and the audit responsibility (Board Action: 7/19/05)	Would establish the Coastal Environmental Motor Vehicle Program, which would be administered by both the State Coastal Conservancy (SCC) and participating coastal counties to fund projects that mitigate the negative environmental impacts caused by the use of motor vehicles and their associated facilities and infrastructure. The bill would authorize the SCC to request the DMV to impose an annual vehicle registration fee up to \$6 on every motor vehicle registered to an address within a participating county. Eligible counties, including Los Angeles County, may opt to participate in the program upon a majority vote of its Board of Supervisors.	Assembly Appropriations Suspense File
SB 803	Ducheny	Support (State Update: 8/25/05)	Would reauthorize and revise Proposition 36, the Substance Abuse and Crime Prevention Act of 2000, and would appropriate \$120 million annually to fund the Act through FY 2010-11. This bill would make changes to Proposition 36 to strengthen the program through close monitoring of defendants under a collaborative model involving treatment providers, the court, probation and parole; extended treatment services beyond the current 12-month limit when warranted; frequent drug testing; and use of short-term jail sanctions as a tool to enhance treatment compliance.	Assembly Public Safety
SB 840	Kuehl	Support (Board Action: 8/16/05)	Would provide health insurance coverage to all California residents through a single payer insurance program operated by the State.	Assembly Desk
SB 861	Speier	Support (Board Action: 8/9/05)	Would amend State law to allow cities and counties to regulate specific breeds of dogs through mandatory spay/neuter programs and other breeding requirements.	Assembly Floor
SB 869	Bowen	Support (State Update: 6/17/05)	Would establish the Nurse-Family Partnership Program and require the California Department of Health Services to make grants available to counties for the provision of voluntary visiting nurse services to first-time pregnant, low-income mothers, their children and their families. It would appropriate to the Department any increase in Federal Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act dollars allocated to the State during FY 2004-05, and any increase in funding from this source allocated to the State in subsequent years, for the purposes of this bill.	Assembly Appropriations Suspense File

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SB 926	Florez	Oppose (State Update: 4/4/05)	Would permit the Kern County Board of Supervisors to adopt an ordinance to regulate or prohibit the land application of sewage sludge in the unincorporated areas of Kern County, and would require the prohibition, if enacted, to exempt land application permitted by a State or local entity before the effective date of the prohibition. The exemption would not apply to any renewal of a pre-existing permit that regulates the land application of bio-solids when the renewal occurs after the effective date of the prohibition.	Assembly Local Government
SB 945	Soto	County-sponsored	Would change California's HIV reporting system from code-based to names-based.	Senate Judiciary
SB 969	Ducheny, Morrow	Oppose (State Update: 4/18/05)	Would exempt a driver who is 18 years of age or older from the requirement to wear a safety helmet when riding on a motorcycle, motor-driven cycle or motorized bike, if the driver has completed a motorcycle rider training program or has held a class M1 license for two years or more and has proof of current medical insurance. Would also exempt a passenger who is 18 years of age or older from the requirement to wear a helmet if the passenger has proof of current medical insurance.	Senate Transportation and Housing
SB 1018	Simitian	Support (State Update: 4/14/05)	Would add officers and employees of financial institutions, including banks, credit unions, and savings and loans, to those designated as mandated reporters of financial abuse perpetrated against elder and dependent adults. The bill would also: 1) establish civil penalties from \$1,000 up to \$5,000 if the failure to report resulted in a death or great bodily injury; 2) require the penalty to be payable by the financial institution to the elder or dependent adult; and 3) create a liability-free period for newly-hired tellers for failing to report suspected elder abuse during the first six months of the teller's employment.	Governor's Desk
SB 1086	Migden	Oppose (Board Action: 6/21/05)	Would prohibit the City of Long Beach from setting aside oil revenues produced in the State Tidelands for future use in cleanup of oil fields and would require the City to return revenues in the abandonment reserve fund to the State.	Assembly Natural Resources
SJR 13	Escutia	Support (Board Action: 5/24/05)	Would urge the President and Congress of the United States to amend the Federal Railroad Safety Act to increase authority of state and local governments to enact railroad safety regulations providing greater protection for their residents from railroad derailments, hazardous materials spills, and highway-rail crossing accidents, as long as state enactments, rules, or regulations do not conflict with Federal law and do not impose an unreasonable burden on interstate commerce.	Assembly Desk